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SUBJ: IRAQI INVITATIONS TO U. S. CITIZENS FOR PALESTINIAN

FILM FESTIVAL

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1. MR. JOHN BLAKE TELEPHONED DEPTOFF MARCH 15 SAYING HE HAD DISCUSSED TRIP TO IRAQ FURTHER WITH DR. MUSTAFA, IRAQI PROFESSOR TEACHING AT SHAW UNIVERSITY. BLAKE SAID MUSTAFA HAD ASSURED HIM THAT FILM FESTIVAL HAD BEEN USED BY IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION ONLY AS PRETEXT TO GET MONEY FOR TRAVEL TO IRAQ BY BLAKE AND SHAW PRESIDENT HARGRAVES, AND THAT NEITHER BLAKE NOR HARGRAVES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND FESTIVAL IF THEY DID NOT WANT TO. BLAKE SAID IN VIEW OF THIS AND IN VIEW OF FACT THAT HE WILL BY THEN NO LONGER BE USG OFFICIAL, HE HAD DECIDED TO MAKE TRIP AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED. HE SAID HE AND HARGRAVES WOULD BE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH US INTERESTS, BAGHDAD. DEPTOFF SAID HE COULD ONLY REPEAT WHAT HE HAD SAID EARLIER, I. E. THAT IF TRIP WERE TO ATTEND PALESTINIAN FILM FESTIVAL WE WOULD STRONGLY ADVISE AGAINST IT. ROGERS

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